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 START: 1000                              END: 1130  
 METHODOLOGY: WRV                      VIEWER IDENTIFIER: 079

1. (S/NF/SK) MISSION: Access and describe current status of the hostages, specifically, USMC LTC William (Rich) Higgins, the other US hostages, Rudolf Cordes, Terry Waite, and the Israeli hostages. Attempt to determine dates of release from captivity.

2. (S/NF/SK) VIEWER TASKING: Viewer tasked with essential elements of information reflected in mission tasking, Para 1, above.

3. (S/NF/SK) COMMENTS: No inclemencies noted. In a passing reference to the desirability of continuing the topical search of interest related to plans and intentions related to the possible hijack of an aircraft in Athens, Greece, it was and must be noted that initial sessions need to be refined by subsequent sessions in order to arrive at reasonable conclusions.

4. (S/NF/SK): EVALUATION: *As per* [REDACTED] *D B-5C*

*12 Aug 88* { *EIR info corroborates substantially contents of summary, particularly, Para 1.*

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*Summary is attached*

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## SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The impending release of LTC Higgins appears imminent and the result of continuing negotiations undertaken and pursued by the UN Secretary General, Perez de Cuellar. It is anticipated that LTC Higgins will be released on or before the projected date of implementation of the Cease Fire scheduled for 20 August 1988. LTC Higgins is very much aware of his projected and impending release from captivity perceived as a good will gesture by Iran. LTC Higgins is in good physical condition; his contentment is tinged with impatience at the thought of freedom. The Syrians play an indirect but important and controlled roll in the release of Higgins; they implement the results of the negotiations. Higgins is currently located at Sukar Al Gharb located directly east of Bsaba, his last known location. His ultimate and near-term destination is Khaloah (phonetic) located immediately south of the Beirut International Airport. Dayr Dubil located east of Khaloah was indicated as an intermittent stopover. See ENCLOSURE 1. Decisions have been made to assemble and evacuate hostages from Lebanon to Tehran; however, Higgins will not be going to Tehran. His release is a separate (UN) issue negotiated under the auspices of UN. He will be transported initially by a non-US/UN ocean vessel to Egypt. He will subsequently be transported by a US/UN vessel to Tunisia. Ultimately, he will then sail via a US/UN military vessel from Tunisia to the US.

In the order of release from captivity, Higgins will be released first, Cordes and Reed second, followed by Tracy, Polhill, Cicippio. Waite, Sutherland and Anderson will be last.

Other, isolated, pieces of information revealed that Kurt Waldheim, President of Austria and former Secretary General of the UN, is reportedly playing an active role in the negotiations.

Final peace between Iraq and Iran will not be achieved until about February 1989; isolated skirmishes will continue to plague both sides in view of the deep hatred spawned by this war.